Trees are fun to plant. They also make your yard look nice, clean the air and give you shade to cool down.

On Arbor Day and every day, there are many things you can do to stay safe when planting trees. Please plan before you plant and don’t let trees get too close to power lines. Follow these important safety rules on Arbor Day and all year long.

Mind the lines

Trees and power lines don’t mix

You may see wood poles with wires on them. PG&E uses these power lines to deliver electricity that runs our lights, fans and even TVs. We need power lines, and trees are great too, but it’s not safe when they are too close to each other.

Stay safe by planting the right tree in the right place. Make sure you plant far away from power lines and pick a type of tree that won’t grow big enough to touch them. To learn more, visit pge.com/righttreerightplace.

Know what’s below

Call before you dig

You can’t always see PG&E’s power lines. Some power lines are under the ground. Hitting them when you dig can be very dangerous. You should also know what’s below before you plant a tree.

Call 8-1-1 at least two weekdays before you dig. Workers will mark the ground with flags, wood stakes or white paint to show you where there are power lines, gas pipelines and other wires under the ground. Stay away from these underground lines to keep you and your neighbors safe.

Tips to stay safe:

• Never touch power lines or climb the poles.
• Stay away if you see a power line on the ground. Have a grown up call 9-1-1, then call PG&E.
• Make sure your parents build tree houses far away from power lines.
• Never climb a tree that’s too close to power lines.
• Keep kites and balloons away from power lines to keep the lights on and stay safe.
Power line safety checklist

Can you see power lines at your house?

☐ In the front?  ☐ In the back?  ☐ Underground?

*Remember: If you can’t see any power lines, they’re probably under the ground.*

Are there any trees under the power lines?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Are any branches growing close to the power lines?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

*Remember: Ask an adult to call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000 if you see a branch growing too close.*

Do you have a tree house?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

*Remember: It’s never safe to play in trees or tree houses near power lines.*

Do you like to fly kites?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

*Remember: It’s never safe to fly a kite near power lines.*

Have you ever seen a power line on the ground?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

*Remember: It’s never safe to touch a power line. You will get hurt very badly.*

Do you know what types of trees are in your yard?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

*Draw a picture of your trees.*